

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Karen M. SLIMAK et al

Group Art Unit: 1762

Serial No.: 09/927,062

Examiner: M. Barr

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: PROCESS OF USING SODIUM SILICATE TO CREATE FIRE RETARDANT
PRODUCTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

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